

REMARKS

Claims 21-39 are pending in this application. Claims 21-24, 26, and 30 are amended.

Applicant would like to thank the Examiner for the courtesy extended during the telephone interview on March 20, 2008. During the interview, the Examiner and applicant's representative discussed applicant's technology and proposed claim amendments.

The Examiner has rejected claims 21-28, 30, and 36-39 under 35 U.S.C. § 103(a) over Chen and Barber; rejected claims 29 and 31-33 under 35 U.S.C. § 103(a) over Chen, Barber, and Sullivan; and rejected claims 34-35 under 35 U.S.C. § 103(a) over Chen, Barber, and Traversat. Although applicant disagrees, applicant has amended the claims to clarify the claimed subject matter.

As amended, claims 21-29 recite "configuring by a user the drawing software module to access the enterprise graphic library, the public graphic library, or both in addition to the local graphic library the drawing software module is configured to access by default." As amended, claims 30-39 recite "configuring by a user the drawing software program to access remote graphic databases in addition to the local graphic database the drawing software module is configured to access by default." The Examiner cites Chen at 9:29-45 as disclosing "configuring by a user the drawing software module to access graphic libraries." (Office Action, January 23, 2008, p. 2.) This portion of Chen describes a hierarchical metasever system with two or more levels of management. A higher level, global metasever is responsible for global multimedia content; and a lower level, local metasever is responsible for local multimedia content. It is unclear what the Examiner believes corresponds to applicant's "drawing software module"; indeed, Chen does not appear to contemplate a "drawing software module" at all. Moreover, the cited portion of Chen does not describe anything that is "configur[ed] by a user," not to mention "configuring by a user the drawing software module." The cited portion of Chen does not describe "configuring by a user the drawing software module to access graphic libraries,"

not to mention configuring the drawing software module to access "the enterprise graphic library, the public graphic library, or both" or "remote graphic databases" "in addition to the local graphic library [or database] the drawing software module is configured to access by default" as recited by the amended claims.

As amended, claims 21-29 recite "identifying one or more graphics in the [] graphic library that match the received search term." Claims 30-39 recite "identifying one or more graphics in the selected graphic databases that match the received search term." The Examiner cites Chen at 7:4-13 as disclosing "identifying one or more graphics in the selected graphic libraries that match the received search ter[m]." (Office Action, January 23, 2008, p. 3.) This portion of Chen describes selecting an algorithm that is used to select a list of multimedia servers that are available for connection to a client computer. Chen describes that the selection of a proper algorithm allows its metasever to load balance by dynamically assigning a client to a different multimedia server each time the client requests particular multimedia content. The cited portion of Chen simply describes selecting an algorithm; it does not describe the selection of multimedia content, such as "one or more graphics" as recited by applicant's claims. Moreover, the cited portion of Chen fails to describe anything that corresponds to a "search term" or "match[ing] the received search term" as recited.

In fact, Chen fails to even describe "receiving from a user a search term" at all, as recited by claims 21-39. The Examiner cites Chen at 6:60-67 as corresponding to "receiving from the user a search term." (Office Action, January 23, 2008, p. 2.) However, this portion of Chen simply describes that the metasever receives a request from a client for a multimedia stream. The cited portion of Chen fails to describe that such request includes a search term, nor can applicant find anything in Chen that discloses or suggests a "receiving from a user a search term" as recited.

Applicant would like to make the following additional comments with respect to the amended claims.

As amended, claims 21-29 recite "maintaining on a local-area network an enterprise graphic library that includes content transferred from a public graphic library accessible via a wide-area network to the enterprise graphic library." None of the cited references appears to disclose this recited feature.

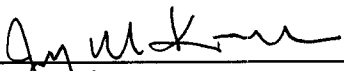
As amended, claims 21-29 recite "if the drawing software has been configured to access the enterprise graphic library, identifying one or more graphics in the enterprise graphic library that match the received search term," and "if the drawing software has been configured to access the public graphic library, identifying one or more graphics in the public graphic library that match the received search term." None of the cited references appears to disclose this recited feature.

In view of the above amendment and response, applicant believes the pending application is in condition for allowance and respectfully requests a prompt notice of allowance. The Examiner is encouraged to contact the undersigned representative by telephone with any questions.

Applicant believes all required fees are being paid in connection with this response. Please charge any deficiencies or credit any overpayments to our Deposit Account No. 50-0665, under Order No. 418268834US from which the undersigned is authorized to draw.

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